

Amendments to the Claims:

The following listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

1. (Currently Amended) A holographic recording material composition used for storing optical information as a spatial variation of refractive index, comprising:

(a) a compound having at least one polymerizable functional group;

(b) a photopolymerization initiator; and

(c) a silica sol being a stable dispersion of colloidal silica particles having an average particle diameter of from 4 to 30 nm.

2. (Currently Amended) The holographic recording material composition according to ~~claim~~Claim 1, wherein the compound having at least one polymerizable functional group has a refractive index of from 1.5 to 2.0.

3. (Original) The holographic recording material composition according to Claim 1, wherein the colloidal silica particles are contained in an amount of from 3 to 60 vol% based on the total volume of the colloidal silica particles and resin components in a state of polymerization.

4. (Original) A holographic recording medium comprising the composition as defined in Claim 1.

5. (Original) A holographic recording medium having a photosensitive layer for recording comprising the composition as defined in Claim 1 on a transparent substrate, and the photosensitive layer covered with a protective material.

6. (Currently Amended) The holographic recording medium according to ~~claim~~Claim 5, wherein the transparent substrate and the protective material are made of transparent resin films.